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SUBJECT: SIILASVUO-WEIZMAN MEETING MAY 1

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1. SIILASVUO CONFIRMED TO ME IDF WITHDREW TO LINES PREVIOUSLY
AGREED UPON ON APRIL 30.

2. IN COURSE OF MEETING WITH WEIZMAN MAY 1, SIILASVUO PRESSED FOR
SETTING A FINAL DATE FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON. WEIZMAN
SAID HE COULD GIVE NO COMMITMENT IN ABSENCE OF PM BEGIN FROM
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ISRAEL. AS IN PREVIOUS MEETING, HE INDICATED THAT SOME UNDERSTANDING
WOULD HAVE TO BE REACHED ON THE FUTURE OF THE CHRISTIANS AND THE
"GOOD FENCE." WEIZMAN ARGUED RESOLUTION 425 DID NOT APPLY TO
CHRISTIAN AREAS SINCE NO FIGHTING TOOK PLACE THERE AND IDF UNITS
WERE IN VICINITY AT REQUEST OF HADDAD AND CO. AND THEREFORE
COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS OCCUPIERS.

3. WEIZMAN SAID GOE WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED WITH UNIFIL'S PERFORMANCE TO DATE. SIILASVUO HAD REPLIED HE WAS TOO.

4. AT ONE STAGE, SIILASVUO COMMENTED HADDAD SHOULD GO TO BEIRUT TO CONSULT HIS NOMINAL SUPERIORS. WEIZMAN SAID HE WAS SURE HADDAD WANTED TO MAKE TRIP BUT WANTED TO COME BACK EVEN MORE.

5. SIILASVUO WILL MEET WITH EITAN MAY 9 TO DISCUSS FURTHER TIMETABLE FOR WITHDRAWAL. HE WILL ALSO GO TO BEIRUT AS SOON AS NEW GOL IS IN A POSITION TO HAVE MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS. HOWEVER, GIVEN GOL'S RELUCTANCE TO ENGAGE IN MEETINGS WITH GOI, ITS AVERSION TO DISCUSSING ISSUES SUCH AS THE CHRISTIANS AND THE "GOOD FENCE", ITS INABILITY TO SEND EVEN SYMBOLIC ARMY UNITS TO THE SOUTH, HE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CONCRETE RESULTS. HE ALSO DOUBTS ADVISABILITY OF UNIFIL GETTING INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE CHRISTIANS AND THE "GOOD FENCE."
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